

**REMARKS**

The above-identified application was allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed August 26, 2005. The issue fee is being paid concurrently herewith.

Subsequent to the receipt of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants noted that the Examiner's Amendment added the phrase "embodied on a computer readable media" to claim 17. Applicants also noted that claim 16 recites, *inter alia*, "[t]he virtual network of claim 15, further comprising the step of . . ." By this Amendment, Applicants request that "media" be changed to --medium-- in claim 17 to more appropriately define the subject matter recited in the claim. Applicants also request that "the step of" be deleted from claim 16.

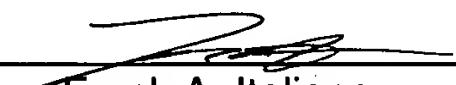
The requested amendments are fully supported by the specification and drawings, will not require an additional search, and do not raise new issues. Applicants therefore respectfully request that this Amendment be entered and the requested changes made.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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